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April 24, 2020

Tuesday, April 21, was San Jacinto Day in Texas, a special day that celebrates the Battle of San Jacinto. It was the final battle of the Texas Revolution where Texas won its independence from Mexico. It is important in these times to take pride in our history and to know that Texans are a mighty strong force when we work together towards a common goal.

My office has set up a COVID-19 specific webpage on www.danhuberty.com for updates and state agency specific information. As this situation continues to develop, we will do our best to get all relevant information out through newsletters, as well as through posts on my Facebook page.

Due to the COVID-19 virus, both the Capitol and the District offices will remain closed. However, my staff will be teleworking and will be available via email. Please continue to follow safe social distancing and hygiene practices during this time, and know that we are available if needed. Be aware that all agencies are prioritizing COVID-19 virus related constituent casework before other matters.

The Texas House of Representatives is consolidating COVID-19 related information. To access the COVID-19 information, visit house.texas.gov/coronavirus.

Sincerely,



Capitol & District Office Closure Notice

Both the Capitol office and District office will remain closed in line with Governor Abbott's executive orders. Our offices will remain functioning, with staff working remotely. Please utilize email communication with our office during this time, via the email contact information at the bottom of this newsletter.

Additionally we have set up an additional phone line that our staff will be able to monitor remotely. Our new phone number for the duration of the COVID-19 situation will be (281) 858-3354.

Remembering Dr. Guy Sconzo

I was informed this week of the passing of my dear friend, Dr. Guy Sconzo. Guy (no pun intended but he would've laughed) was one of the "good guys". I had an opportunity to work with him over the last 15 years. He was a mentor, friend, sounding board but most importantly a true gentleman.

I'll cherish the time we spent with each other when I was on the Humble ISD School Board, but our relationship strengthened when he retired and started working in Austin for the Fast Growth School Coalition. He spent his life focused on children and helping them become good humans.

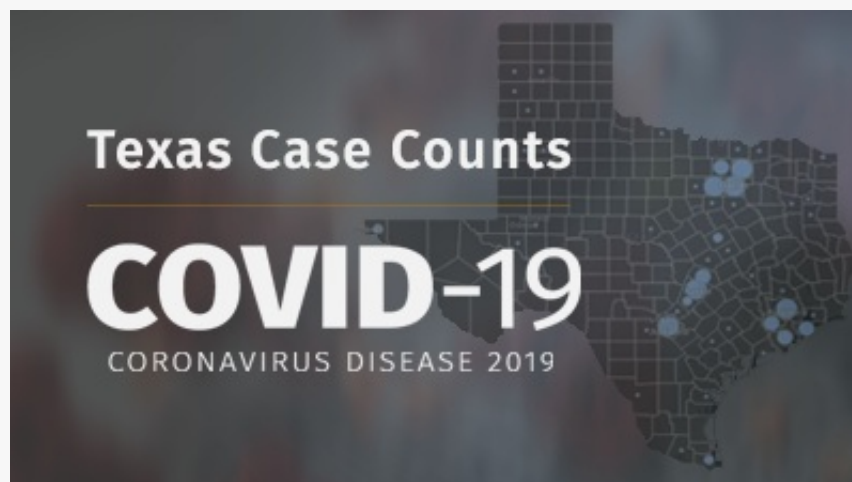
He touched so many lives, and made you feel like you were the most important person when engaging you. He was and is our friend forever. While I will miss him dearly, (I lost my education Muse) I will celebrate his life by being thankful for the time we had with him and not the time we will not.

Please keep Diane, Jennifer, Michael and their families in your prayers.



Health Resources

DSHS: COVID-19 Case Dashboard



Click the image above to be directed to the DSHS COVID-19 Dashboard

Harris County Public Health Dashboard



Harris County
Public Health
Building a Healthy Community

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Updates from Austin

Texas State Parks Reopen for Day-Use



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AUSTIN-Texas State Parks will begin reopening for day-use only April 20 as part of a broader effort to begin reopening the state of Texas. Per Governor Abbott's direction, new restrictions in effect include requiring visitors to wear face...

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USDA Increases Monthly SNAP Benefits by 40%



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(Washington, D.C., April 22, 2020) - Today, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced emergency benefit increases have reached \$2.0 billion per month for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households across all 50...

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Gov. Abbott Provides Update On Job Openings In Texas, Resources For Texans Seeking Employment



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Governor Abbott Provides Update On Job Openings In...

Governor Greg Abbott today provided an update on job openings in the Lone Star State and outlined resources for Texans seeking employment due to the economic effects of COVID-19. The Governor also announced that nearly 500,000 job openings are...

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More Resources for At-Home Schooling

The graphic features a light blue background with a green brushstroke banner in the center. The banner contains the text "Resources for Texas Parents" in a dark blue, sans-serif font. Below the banner, the phrase "keep kids curious!" is written in a green, cursive font. The graphic is decorated with various colorful elements: a blue crayon and an orange crayon in the top left; a heart outline and three paper clips (blue, green, and orange) in the top right; a purple swirl in the bottom left; a green swirl in the bottom center; and a red apple in the bottom right.

Resources for Texas Parents
keep kids curious!

Tailoring lesson plans to a student's specific interests keeps them curious, engaged, and eager to learn! Whether supporting STEM by baking or applying lessons to sports, find the right interest-based opportunity for your student at bit.ly/3c0ZXNT.

Texas History at Home



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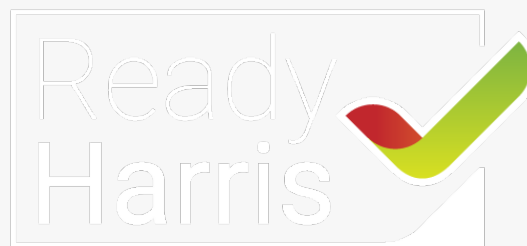
As families are creating new routines and learning how to educate students from home, we are providing free instructive resources about Texas history, preservation, and heritage tourism. We'll continue to add new content, so continue to check...

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www.thc.texas.gov

Updates From the District

Order of County Judge Lina Hidalgo: Use of Face Coverings



ORDER OF COUNTY JUDGE LINA HIDALGO Use of Face Coverings

Because an infected person can transmit the COVID-19 virus to others before showing any symptoms, the covering of a person's nose and mouth is necessary to help slow the spread of the virus.

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www.readyharris.org

West Lake Houston Bridge Final Repairs Scheduled



Houston Public Works will conduct a bridge repair project on the West Lake Houston Parkway Bridge beginning Monday, April 27. The project consists of replacing fourteen bearing pads. The cost of the project is \$307,400 and will be funded through the Dedicated Drainage and Street Renewal Fund. The contractor for the project is ISI Contracting, Inc. The work is expected to be completed by Wednesday, May 20, weather permitting.

On Monday, April 27, work will begin at 7:00 a.m. by closing of the northbound lanes of the bridge. Two-way traffic will be redirected to the southbound lanes. Construction activities are expected to take place Monday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. In addition to the road closures, pedestrian sidewalks along the bridge will be barricaded and closed for safety.

Please be aware of flagmen and orange traffic cones in place on-site assisting with traffic flow through the construction zone. All lanes of the bridge and pedestrian sidewalks will reopen following the completion of the project on Wednesday, May 20, weather permitting.

This project follows the completion of temporary repairs done by Houston Public Works last October after three bearing pads slipped from their concrete beams. The work completed this month is similar to repairs completed in 2015, which included the replacement of deformed or slipped bearing pads.

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